

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image fiber includes an image fiber body having a twisted portion which is formed by heating, softening, and twisting a portion of the image fiber body. The rate of twist in the twisted portion is made to be constant. Moreover, the rate of twist may preferably be set in a range from $1^{\circ}/\text{mm}$ to $4000^{\circ}/\text{mm}$. In addition, the rate of twist at the beginning portion of the twisted portion and the rate of twist at the end portion of the twisted portion may preferably be set in a range from $3^{\circ}/\text{mm}$ to $400^{\circ}/\text{mm}$. The twisted portion may be provided with a protective element.